



Factsheet 2026-2027 – Faculty of Philosophy

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Website	www.rug.nl/filosofie
Course Catalogue	www.rug.nl/ocasys
ISCED code Philosophy	0223
Courses at other faculties	It is possible to follow courses at other UG faculties, however, incoming exchange students will take at least 50% of the full-time work load at our faculty (i.e. at least 15 ECTS). Admission requirements differ per faculty; the student should contact the exchange officer at Philosophy first.
Other relevant courses	www.rug.nl/let/dutchstudies
Academic Calendar	https://www.rug.nl/education/courses/academic-calendar More information is provided below
Number of credits per semester (full workload)	30 ECTS credits (1 ECTS credit = 28 hours of work)
Study advisors	Ms. Anouk Labberte (for Ba) and Ms. Janine Weeting (for Ma & PhD): fil-study-advisor@rug.nl
Student services at the university	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/student-services/student-service-centre
Living expenses	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/living-expenses



Housing	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/accommodation And also see below
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Requirements for exchange students

Level of studies	<p>Students should be in the second year of undergraduate studies.</p> <p>If less than 60 ECTS in Philosophy courses have been obtained by the time the student comes to Groningen, only courses of the Philosophy Minor or the Bachelor in Philosophy of a Specific Discipline can be chosen.</p> <p>For courses at the Faculty of Economics and Business, students must have obtained at least 60 ECTS of Economics/Business courses.</p>
Language requirements (English)	<p>Bachelor students should have a level of English Proficiency of at least CEFR B2, IELTS 6.5, or TOEFL iBT 92 (with a minimum of 20 for each section).</p> <p>Master students: CEFR C1, IELTS 7 (minimum 6.0 for each section), TOEFL 100 (minimum of 21 for each section).</p> <p>Language requirements do not apply to students from a UK partner university or students whose mother tongue is English.</p> <p>NB.</p> <p>Students from Erasmus+ KA103/KA131 partner universities are not required to submit a TOEFL, IELTS or CAE certificate. All other incoming students are obliged to present an official certificate to proof their English language proficiency.</p>
Minimum number of ECTS	<p>Incoming exchange students will make sure to obtain at least 3 ECTS per month of stay. In case this result is not achieved, the Faculty of Philosophy will inform the sending institution that the minimum quality requirement has not been met.</p>

Exchange application procedure

Nomination	<p>Nominations of students are sent online by the home university through Mobility Online (include name, email address, field of study, level during exchange and period of exchange)</p> <p>Nomination deadline semester I & academic year: 1 April Nomination deadline semester II: 15 October</p>
Application	<p>The student receives an email from the exchange coordinator with information about the registration process in our online mobility portal.</p> <p>Practical information on housing and visa procedures (if applicable) are sent separately.</p>



	<p>Application deadline semester I & academic year: 1 May Application deadline semester II: 1 December</p>
Application documents	<p>For all exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application form, incl. proposed course programme (Course Catalogue: www.rug.nl/ocasys)- Official academic transcript, in English, showing credits and grades so far- English language certificate or other proof of language proficiency (see requirements above)- Copy of passport or EU identity card- Digital passport photograph <p>Additional documents for Erasmus+ students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Learning Agreement/Before Mobility Form (provided by your home university) to be submitted before 1 July <p>If applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Copy of your bachelor's degree incl. ToR (applicable to all master students).
Registration	Upon acceptance, the student is registered as an exchange student at the University of Groningen.
Course selection assessment	The international officer and/or study advisor confirms course selection or suggests alternatives (all on the basis of the Transcript of Records previously submitted), and registers the student for the selected courses.

Courses for exchange students

Course catalogue	www.rug.nl/ocasys
Available courses	<p>Courses for exchange students can be found on www.rug.nl/ocasys Categories of courses for exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- English-taught modules- "Dutch Studies" programme- Courses in Dutch- (Dutch) Language Courses at the Language Centre <p>The course catalogue for the upcoming academic year will be available by mid-June.</p> <p>Bachelor students can only follow bachelor courses, and master students can only follow master courses without an exemption.</p>
Registration for courses	<p>Students of our faculty are registered for courses by the study advisor. In case courses at other faculties are chosen, students need to contact the international officer (phil.international@rug.nl), because for capacity reasons options are limited.</p> <p>Students on our exchange contracts are required to choose at least 15 ECTS of courses per semester at our faculty.</p>



Restrictions to courses	<p>- If a Ba student has gained less than 60 ECTS in Philosophy, only courses of the Philosophy Minor or the Bachelor in Philosophy of a Specific Discipline can be chosen.</p> <p>- Master courses are only open to students who have completed a Bachelor (with at least 60 ECTS in Philosophy courses).</p> <p>- Research Master and PPE courses are not open to exchange students</p> <p>More details on restrictions can be provided by the international officer (phil.international@rug.nl)</p>
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Grading system

Dutch grading system	10 = outstanding 9 = very good 8 = good 7 = more than satisfactory 6 = satisfactory	5 = almost satisfactory 4 = unsatisfactory 3 = very unsatisfactory 2 = poor 1 = very poor
See also here .		

Grading tables Philosophy

grade	Bachelor programme	Master programme	Research Master
10	1,08%	1,13%	1,48%
9	11,67%	17,25%	17,39%
8	32,28%	45,45%	46,92%
7	34,78%	30,61%	28,25%
6	20,19%	5,56%	5,96 %

Student Housing

Recommended organisation	<p>https://www.sshxl.nl/en</p> <p>The University of Groningen is not a campus university, students have to find their own accommodation somewhere in town. International students can get assistance in finding accommodation from SSH.</p> <p>SSH does not have capacity to accommodate all international students and SSH is fully booked every semester. Students are advised to apply as early as possible.</p>
Other options	If students do not wish to make use of the accommodation offered by SSH and want to try find housing on their own, they should take the following into account: * Make sure to do this through official websites or companies that can be traced;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Do not go to a viewing alone;* Do not pay anything before having everything in writing;* Always ask for a payment receipt;* A rent that is too low for the location or type of housing as well as unclear photos of the location may indicate fraudulent practices;* Avoid identity theft: never send a passport copy to strangers. <p>For more information about accommodation possibilities: https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/study-in-the-netherlands-groningen/accommodation</p>
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Welcoming events

Scheduled	During the week preceding the start of each semester. All students are expected to attend both University and Faculty welcoming events.
Movin' to Groningen	Prior to the start of welcoming events, students from UG will welcome international guests at Schiphol airport. They will offer help in purchasing tickets and finding the right train to Groningen. The airport initiative will take place on the Tuesday immediately preceding the official welcome events. For this event, students are encouraged to let us know when they're arriving at Schiphol airport, using this link
Welcoming Ceremony	General welcoming of all international students, incl. ESN sign-up, university information market, etc. http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/welcoming-ceremony
Non-EU registration day	Registration for non-EU students, including visa arrangements, residence permit pick-up, bank arrangements, etc.
Faculty welcome event	In the first week of the semester